



# What we're working on, at the moment

## Business Breakfasts



April's breakfast generated some useful ideas from local businesses about ways in which they can be better supported, particularly by the

Chamber of Commerce. The next business breakfast will be held on 3 May and hosted by Frome College. Local recruitment professional Mairi Connelly of AM Personnel will lead an interactive discussion on work placements and apprenticeships, with a focus on maximizing benefit for both employers and apprentices. Local businesses and community organisations are invited to attend, share their experiences and learn from others. For more information contact [Laura Parry](#), our Projects Assistant.

## Working together for Frome's Birds, Bats & Bees...

We're currently working with the Men's Shed & the Critchill Rangers to make 30 new bird, bat & bee friendly boxes for trees around the town. The Men's Shed have just finished making the kits – and the Rangers will be working with the pupils at Critchill School to put them together. And after that they'll be put up in trees in a number of the parks & green spaces, including Welshmill. For more information contact the [Rangers](#).

## Share Shop

According to one UK study, 23% of the electronic items brought for disposal at recycling centres were working or required only minor repairs.

To address this, the Share Shop in Frome's town centre, has launched a new weekly repair session to promote 'fixing things' as a part of everyday life, and they're starting with electronic and electrical items. The weekly repair sessions at SHARE are on Saturday mornings between 10.30am – 12.30pm. People will be able to bring along any small appliances, gadgets, computers and phones, and SHARE's expert fixers will be on hand to help diagnose the problem, and hopefully fix it too. By working with them, there is also an opportunity to learn some new fixing skills too.

Contact [share@edventurefrome.org](mailto:share@edventurefrome.org) for more info. Or follow the [Eventbrite link](#) to check-in on a repair session of your choice.

## Record Store Day



On 16 April Frome had a number of events to celebrate Record Store Day, this event acknowledges independent record shops and artists.

[Raves from the Grave](#) had band Rivers Of England & solo artist Sara Vian who performed outside their shop in Cheap Street.

The bands Tea & Biscuits (Just Parsons), The White City Shakers and local musician Molly Ross performed outside [Covers Vinyl](#) on Catherine Hill.

Raves from the Graves reported they had several hundred visitors to their shop on the day.

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## Training for charities and trustees

Frome Town Council has organised a programme of events and workshops centred around topics that will help local community groups and charitable organisations with topics relevant to their sector and work. Some are free to attend and others will require a minimal fee, depending on the trainer. Various organisations and individuals will be delivering the training – ranging from national providers like Directory of Social Change, and the Civil Society and some are more closer to home. Updates of when these workshops will take place will be featured in our community newsletter, social media and website. So be sure to keep an eye out! On 16 May, a workshop will cover the role of the trustee and on 3 June there will be a seminar based around strategic planning for organisations and charities. For more information about these events contact our [Community Projects Officer](#).

## Fair Frome Fiesta

The [Fair Frome Fiesta](#) will be held at the Silk Mill on Friday 29 April. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children, available now from [Raves from the Grave](#), Cheap Street. The evening will be a fun-filled fundraising fiesta, with music kindly provided by bands, Captain Cactus, The Valley and the Wochynskis. There will be a bar, food and raffle with prizes donated by local businesses. It will also include a fiesta themed fancy dress competition with outfits transformed from charity shop bargains with their tickets left on (as proof of purchase). All the charity shops in Frome are working together taking part in this unique way of dressing to impress!

## Performing Arts Panel



The first meeting of the panel dedicated to Performing Arts is on 28 April at the Assembly Rooms starting 7pm. This meeting will specifically be looking at venues. All the panel meetings are open to the public and press and the panel would particularly welcome those

who work, manage, promote or use a venue in Frome or surrounding areas. If you're unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute to the panel, you can email

[admin@frometowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@frometowncouncil.gov.uk) and your thoughts and experiences will be added to the feedback obtained from this meeting. This first meeting is part of a series of six focusing on different aspects of the Performing Arts. For more information on future meetings and topics visit [www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk) contact the [Town Centre Community Coordinator](#).

## Date for your Diary

### VOLUNTEA IN THE PARK

On Sunday 5 June Frome Town Council will be hosting the second, annual 'Voluntea in The Park'. The event is to celebrate and thank volunteers in Frome who give their time to the many projects that make Frome a great place to live. So if you volunteer in Frome, for example you're a marshal at one of the town's events, a councillor, you're involved in a local school parents association, you listen to children read, you offer befriending to isolated people, you deliver or donate to the food bank or provide one of the many other roles volunteers do - please put the date in your diary for an afternoon tea in the Park!